GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, June 17, 2016 1:30 PM
438 Main Street – Sunburst Conference Room
(Follow Signs at Elevator)
Buffalo, New York, USA, 14202

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
5. Secretary's Report

6. Action Items
   A) Approval of 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
   B) Project Changes for Approval:
      - North Buffalo Rails to Trails Project Scope/Budget Increase
      - Bridge Replacement-Stony Rd over Ellicott Creek scope change

7. Discussion Items
   Plans:
   A) Metro Transportation Plan – Emerging Demographics in the Region
   B) NFTA Performance Report
   C) New GBNRTC Website

   Projects:
   A) Construction Projects in the 2016 Season
   B) Overall Project Status in Current TIP
   C) Transit Projects and Transportation Management Association
   D) Recent USDOT Certification Review of Planning Process
   E) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report
      - Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
      - New York State Thruway Authority
      - New York State Department of Transportation
      - Local Jurisdictions and Partners

8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting/Adjournment of Policy Meeting
MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2016 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee was held on June 17, 2016 at
GBNRTC Offices – Sunburst Conference Room

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:
Darrell Kaminski  NYSDOT
Doug Tokarcyzk  NYS Thruway Authority
Michael Finn  City of Buffalo
Tom George  NFTA
Rick Eakin  Niagara County
Charles Sickler  Erie County

Others present were:
Hal Morse  GBNRTC
Rich Guarino  GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon  GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth  GBNRTC
JohnMichael Mulderig  GBNRTC
Kim Smith  GBNRTC
Athena Hutchins  NITTEC
Ramsey Kahi  NYSDOT
Jeffrey Amplement  NFTA
Darren Kempner  NFTA
Marc Smith  Town of Lockport IDA
Donald Gray  Wendel Companies
James Jones  Town of Tonawanda
Dennice Barr  Fruit Belt Advisory Council
Lisa Kenney  Member of Public
Thomas Frank  Member of Public

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call
The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM

2. Public Comment on Action Items
Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak publicly on the action items before the Council.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (6/17/2016)
Mr. George moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Eakin and all were in favor.
4. **Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (12/11/2015)**

   Mr. Tokarczyk moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2015, seconded by Mr. George, and all were in favor.

5. **Secretary's Report**

   Mr. Morse reviewed formal correspondence received from various agencies since the last meeting.

6. **Action Items (Resolutions)**

   A) The following proposed resolutions and actions have been recommended by the Planning and Coordinating Committee and have completed any required review process.

   - Approval of Resolution 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program - *Mr. Finn made the motion seconded by Mr. Sickler all were in favor.*
   - North Buffalo Rails to Trails Project Scope/Budget Increase – *Mr. Eakin made a motion seconded by Mr. George.*
   - Bridge Replacement – Stony Rd. over Ellicott Creek scope change - *Mr. Sickler made a motion seconded by Mr. Finn all were in favor.*

7. **Discussion Items:**

   **Plans:**

   A) Metro Transportation Plan – Emerging Demographics in the Region. Using information from the recently approved One Region Forward plan, revised demographic forecasts for the region are in development. Progress to date was reviewed.

   B) NFTA Performance Report – Metrics detailing performance of the NFTA public transportation was presented.

   C) New GBNRTC – New website was presented and highlighted a new features and information availability.

   **Projects:**

   A) Construction Projects in 2016 Season: A complete rundown of the capital projects completed and underway was reviewed.

   B) Overall Project Status in Current TIP: As the current TIP closes, staff reviewed performance against expectations.
C) Transit Projects and Transportation Management Association: Status of the planning efforts as well as emerging Transportation Management Association and Transit Oriented Development studies.

D) Recent USDOT Certification Review of Planning Process: The quadrennial review of GBNRTC planning process was completed by USDOT. Initial results were discussed, formal report anticipated.

E) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report: Opportunity for all agencies to provide reports on their plans and projects.

8. Other Business
No other business was noted at this time.

9. Adjournment of Policy Meeting
Mr. George moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.
GREATER BUFFALO - NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 12, 2016 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
The Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls
101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Proposed Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment on Action Items
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

5. Action Items
   A) Approval of TIP 2017-2021 Fiscal Constraint: Resolution 2016-24
   B) Approval of Regionally Significant Project Additions: Resolution 2016-26
   C) Approval of UPWP Second Year Endorsement and Funding Change: Resolution 2016-23
   D) Concurrence with Regional Demographics for Planning Purposes: Resolution 2016-27
   E) Approval of Annual Memorandum of Understanding: Resolution 2016-28
   F) Election of Policy Committee Officers 2017

6. Discussion Items
   Plans:
   A) Amherst-Buffalo Transit Options – Path to Locally Preferred Alternative
   B) Transit Oriented Development – Impact Analysis and Study Progress
   C) Metro Transportation Plan 2050 – Path to Completion

   Projects:
   A) Construction Projects - 2016 Season Summary
   B) Technology Projects Award and Deployment Plan
   C) Next Administration and Potential Infrastructure Plan
   D) Regional Agencies Initiatives
      Niagara Frontier Transportation
      New York State Thruway Authority
      New York State Department of Transportation
      Local Jurisdictions and Partners

7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting/ Adjournment of Policy Meeting
MINUTES OF THE December 12, 2016 MEETING OF THE
GREATER BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC) Policy Committee was held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at the
The Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls
101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

The following GBNRTC Policy representatives were present:
Frank Cirillo        NYSDOT
Doug Tokarczyk      NYS Thruway Authority
Michael Finn        City of Buffalo
Tom George          NFTA
Garrett Meal        Niagara County
Charles Sickler     Erie County
Tom DeSantis        City of Niagara Falls

Others present were:
Hal Morse           GBNRTC
Rich Guarino       GBNRTC
Kelly Dixon        GBNRTC
Amy Weymouth       GBNRTC
Allison Leet       GBNRTC
Lisa Keeney         GBNRTC
Athena Hutchins    NITTEC
Ramsey Kahi        NYSDOT
Jeffrey Amplement  NFTA
Darren Kempner     NFTA
Chris Fahey          Rep. Higgins
Bonnie Lockwood    Rep. Higgins
Doug Funke          CRT
Dan Howard          Town of Amherst

POLICY BOARD MEETING

1. Roll Call
   The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM

2. Public Comment on Action Items
   Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to speak publicly on the action items before the Council.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda (12/12/2016)
Mr. DeSantis moved to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Mr. Sickler and all were in favor.

4. Approval of GBNRTC Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (6/17/2016)
Mr. George moved to approve the minutes of June 17 2016, seconded by Mr. DeSantis, and all were in favor.

6. Action Items (Resolutions)
A) The following proposed resolutions and actions have been recommended by the Planning and Coordinating Committee and have completed any required review process.

- Approval of Resolution 2017-2021 Fiscal Constraint - Mr. George made the motion seconded by Mr. Finn all were in favor.
- Approval of Regionally Significant Project Additions – Mr. DeSantis made a motion seconded by Mr. Finn.
- Approval of UPWP Second Year Endorsement and Funding Change – Mr. DeSantis made a motion seconded by Mr. George all were in favor.
- Concurrence with Regional Demographics for Planning Purposes - Mr. Sickler made a motion seconded by Mr. Finn all were in favor.
- Approval of Annual Memorandum of Understanding – Mr. George made a motion seconded by Mr. Sickler all were in favor
- Election of Officers – Mr. Tokarczyk made a motion to nominate NYSDOT as chair for Policy seconded by Mr. DeSantis all were in favor. Mr. Sickler made a motion to nominate NYS Thruway Authority as vice chair seconded by Mr. George all were in favor.

7. Discussion Items:

Plans:

A) Amherst-Buffalo Transit Options – The alternative analysis is complete. Path to secure a locally preferred alternative and schedule was presented.

B) Transit Oriented Development –This study is well under way, staff will reviewed nature of the work completed to date and upcoming activities.

C) Metro Transportation Plan 2050 – This major transformative planning effort is continuing, staff highlighted work to date and consultant schedule for future activities including plan completion.
Projects:

A) Construction Projects in 2016 Season: A complete rundown of the capital projects completed and underway was reviewed.

B) Technology Projects Award and Deployment Plan - NITTEC has won a major project to deploy innovative technology projects in the region. NITTEC staff outlined the project and approach.

C) Next Administration and Potential Infrastructure Plan: SA proposed $1 trillion infrastructure plan by the next administration may offer significant and new opportunities for projects. Staff reviewed some initial outlines of the proposal.

D) Regional Agencies Initiatives Report: Opportunity for all agencies to provide reports on their plans and projects.

8. Other Business
No other business was noted at this time.

9. Adjournment of Policy Meeting
Mr. George moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sickler, and all were in favor.